

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the 2014 Purdue University Livestock Judging Team.

Whereas, Purdue University offers its students an opportunity to participate on a livestock judging team to enhance their decision making and communications skills, broaden their knowledge of animal production and performance records, learn from and meet industry leaders, and compete with other college students from across the country;

Whereas, While competing on a livestock judging team, Purdue team members learn to apply scientific principles of animal growth and composition, evaluation and selection of

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various species, and evaluation of breeding and market classes of beef cattle, swine, and sheep;

Whereas, Production data and environmental scenarios accompany the livestock classes that will advance the team's working knowledge of the industry and production situations;

Whereas, Livestock judging competitions are designed to challenge the students and determine what knowledge and communication skills they have;

Whereas, These competitions consist of classes of animals that contestants and official committee members place; students' placings are then compared to the officials' placings and scored based on the cut system;

Whereas, Each student then defends his or her decisions by presenting his or her "oral reasons" on the classes, with the most convincing and accurate students receiving the highest scores;

Whereas, The 2014 Purdue University Livestock Judging Team earned the National Champion honors during the competition held at the North American International Livestock Exposition held in Louisville, Kentucky; and

Whereas, Participation in the Purdue University Livestock Judging Team helps the team members to develop their confidence in their ability to make logical decisions and communicate with their peers in the business world: Therefore,

> Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the 2014 Purdue University Livestock Judging Team on its National Championship honor and wishes the team continued success in all its future endeavors.
  - SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to team members Andrew Huffman, Alex Hegg, Isaak Mersch, Brennen North, Breanna Lawyer, Callie Edie, Logan Rinehold, Mark DeGolyer, Charlie
- Lawyer, Callie Edie, Logan Rinehold, Mark DeGolyer,
  Huelsenbeck and Josh Streitmatter and coach Matt Claeys.

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